## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## 1-19. (cancelled)

to obtain an average return of (K+M), and

- (currently amended) <u>A computer implemented method for calculating Procedure for the</u> calculation, by means of a computer system, of interests for entrustments of money (K) comprising the following steps:
- memorization, in <u>loading a number representing quantities of money K into</u> a memory block of said <u>a</u> computer system, of <u>quantities of wherein</u> money K indicative <u>indicates</u> of the possible amounts of credit granted:
- loading a number representing an additional remuneration M into memorization, in a memory block of said computer system, of an additional remuneration M wherein said additional remuneration M indicates indicative of the requirements of the lender for granting the loan;
- having the computer system process processing, by means of said computer system, an additional amount of money L indicative of the risk of loss borne by the lender;
- performing having the computer system carry out a mathematical combination, according to a given formula, of the aforementioned quantity of money K, extra yield M and amount of money L, by using said computer system, wherein the combination is performed according to a given formula, in order to obtain a quantity of money B that, asked of the borrower, allows the lender
- having the computer system determine <u>determining</u> by <u>means</u> of <u>said computer system</u> an
  interest for entrustment of said quantities of money K as a function of said quantities of money
  K, additional remuneration M and additional amount of money L, said processor determining
  said additional amount of money L through an implicit equation.
- 21. (currently amended) Procedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 20, wherein the aforementioned combination carried out by said computer system is an addition of the quantity of money K with extra yield M and amount of money L.
- 22. (currently amended) Procedure Method according to claim 21, wherein said computer system carries out a multiplication of extra yield M and amount of money L by a term (1-λ) representing the eventual applicable taxes, before carrying out said addition.

- 23. (currently amended) Procedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 22, wherein this processing step is composed by a trim function T(x;b,K,B,Y) weighted with a probability density function (f(x)) of the cash flow of the borrower.
- 24. (currently amended) Precedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 23, wherein the probability density function (f(x)) is a continuous function, and the weighting is done with an integral through an integral equation.
- 25. (currently amended) Precedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 23, wherein the probability density function (f(x)) is a discrete function, and the weighting is done with a summation.
- 26. (currently amended) Precedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 23, wherein said computer system, through said trim function T(x;b,K,B,y), performs a comparison between the cash flow (X) generated by the borrower with threshold values.
- 27. (currently amended) Procedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 26, wherein the said trim function T(x;b,K,B,y) has four intervals: less than the minimum recoupment of money b, equal to or greater than b and less than K, equal to or greater than K and less than B, equal to or greater than B.
- 28. (currently amended) Precedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 27, eharacterized by the fact that <u>wherein</u> said trim function  $T(x;b,K,B,\gamma)$  gives the following results:
- if x is less than b, the result is b
- if x is equal to or greater than b and less than K, the result is x
- if x is equal to or greater than K and less than B, K is subtracted from x, and the result is multiplied by (one minus lambda). K is added to the result
- if x is equal to or greater than B, K is subtracted from B, and the result is multiplied by (1-  $\lambda$ ). K is added to the result.
- (currently amended) Procedure Method according to claim 23, wherein said additional amount of money L, is made explicit by said computer system through an analytical solution.
- 30. (currently amended) Procedure Method according to claim 23, wherein said additional

amount of money L, is made explicit by said computer system through numerical methods or with the aid of error functions

- 31. (currently amended) Precedure Method according to claim 20, wherein the extra yield M and additional amount of money L are expressed by said computer system as a percentage of K, respectively extra interest rate i<sub>M</sub> = M / K and additional interest rate i<sub>L</sub> = L /K.
- 32. (currently amended) Procedure Method according to claim 31, wherein said computer system determines said extra interest rate  $i_M$  by performing the sum of risk-free rate  $i_F$  plus a mark-up  $i_M^{\dagger}$  for the lender for accepting the increased variability of its future revenues.
- 33. (currently amended) Procedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 23, wherein the procedure has a reiteration step for significative values of the input reiteration variables, including the amount of money K.
- 34. (currently amended) Precedure <u>Method</u> according to claim 33, wherein the output of the reiteration step is stored in a vector or list in a memory block of said computer system, or plotted by said computer system on a graph that represents the total amount of money B(K,M,L,0) for any significant value of the reiterative variables.
- 35. (currently amended) <u>A system for calculating</u> <del>Device for the calculation of</del> interests for entrustments of money comprising:
- a Memory Block adapted to store data from the user,
- a Reiteration Block <u>adapted</u> to repeat the procedure with all the combinations of values that are of interest to the operator,
- a Processing Block <u>adapted</u> to process quantity of money K, extra yield M, additional amount of money L, and eventual taxes to be calculated  $\lambda$ , into a function B(K,M,L, $\lambda$ ) set by the user and representative of a quantity of money that, asked of the borrower, allows the lender to obtain an average return of (K+M), said Processing Block determining an interest for entrustment of said quantity of money K as a function of said quantity of money K, extra yield M and additional amount of money L
- an Equation-solving Block <u>adapted</u> to find the dependant variable sought, by making it
  analytically explicit, or with the aid of numerical methods, said Equation-solving Block
  determining said additional amount of money L by solving an implicit equation, and

- a Result-storing Procedure Block.
- 36. (currently amended) Device System according to claim 35, wherein said Memory Block comprises: a block of memory to store quantities of money K, a block of memory to store extra yield M, a block of memory to store an additional amount of money L, a block of memory to store the minimum recoupment of money b, a block of memory to store a distribution function (f(x)), a Working Memory block of the Reiteration Block, a block of memory to store the results of the process, a block of memory to store the function B, a block of memory to store percentage of capital lent to be reimbursed α and applicable taxes γ.
- 37. (currently amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program which when executed by a computer causes the computer to perform all the steps of claim-20 the following steps:
- loading a number representing quantities of money K into a memory block of a computer system, wherein money K indicates possible amounts of credit granted;
- <u>loading a number representing an additional remuneration M into a memory block of said computer system, wherein said additional remuneration M indicates the requirements of the lender for granting the loan;</u>
- <u>- processing, by means of said computer system, an additional amount of money L indicative of</u> the risk of loss borne by the lender:
- <u>performing a mathematical combination of the aforementioned quantity of money K, extra yield M and amount of money L, by using said computer system, wherein the combination is performed according to a given formula, in order to obtain a quantity of money B that, asked of the borrower, allows the lender to obtain an average return of (K+M), and</u>
- <u>- determining by means of said computer system an interest for entrustment of said quantities of money K as a function of said quantities of money K, additional remuneration M and additional amount of money L.</u>

said processor determining said additional amount of money L through an implicit equation.

- 38. (cancelled)
- (previously presented) Procedure for the calculation of interests for entrustments of money
   (K) comprising the following steps:

- -memorization of quantities of money K indicative of the possible amounts of credit granted; -memorization of an additional remuneration M indicative of the requirements of the lender for granting the loan;
- -processing of an additional amount of money L indicative of the risk of loss borne by the lender; and
- -mathematical combination, according to a given formula, of the aforementioned quantity of money K, extra yield M and amount of money L, in order to obtain a quantity of money B that, asked of the borrower, allows the lender to obtain an average return of (K+M), and determining an interest for entrustment of said quantities of money K as a function of said quantities of money K, additional remuneration M and additional amount of money L, wherein said additional amount of money L is determined through an implicit equation.